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E.O. 11652:GDS

TAGS: MASS, NE, IR

SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF AMMUNITION FROM BELGIUM TO IRAN

1. USG HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FROM BELGIUM FOR APPROVAL TO TRANSFER TO IRAN 40,000 ROUNDS OF 105MM AMMUNITION (TYPE HEST) AND 20,000 ROUNDS 105MM AMMUNITION (TYPE HEAT). GOB WOULD MANUFACTURE THIS AMMUNITION AND SELL IT TO GOI AND WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PAY ROYALTY FEE TO USG. SINCE AMMUNITION WOULD BE MANUFACTURED FROM TECHNICAL DATA PACKAGE SOLD TO GOB BY USG UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACT, AS AMENDED, WE MUST MEET REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED SECTION 3(A) OF THAT ACT PERTAINING TO THIRD-PARTY TRANSFERS OF US EQUIPMENT OF FMS ORIGIN. ACCORDINGLY, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE ARE INFORMING CONGRESS IN ADVANCE THAT WE INTEND TO

APPROVE BELGIAN REQUEST.

2. SINCE 105MM AMMUNITION IS SIGNIFICANT DEFENSE ARTICLE ON US MUNITIONS LIST, WE MUST ALSO MEET REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSFER ASSURANCES BEFORE GRANTING APPROVAL TO TRANS-ACTION. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE REQUEST GOI TO PROVIDE SUCH ASSURANCES ALONG LINES FOLLOWING STANDARD TEXT USED WORLDWIDE:

QTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF IRAN PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF THE EMBASSY THE PROPOSED PURCHASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN OF 60,000 ROUNDS OF 105MM AMMUNITION FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM.

AS THE AMMUNITION IN QUESTION IS TO BE MANUFACTURED IN BELGIUM BY THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN UNDERSTANDS THAT THE CONSUMMATION OF THIS TRANSACTION IS DEPENDENT UPON THE RECEIPT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM OF WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE SALE FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, AND FURTHER UNDERSTANDS THAT IN KEEPING WITH UNITED STATES LAW AND REGULATIONS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MAY GIVE SUCH CONSENT ONLY UPON BEING FURNISHED WITH ASSURANCES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER BY ANY MEANS SUCH DEFENSE ARTICLES TO ANY OTHER COUNTRY, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION, OR PERSON WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN HEREBY GIVES ITS ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT TRANSFER THE 105MM AMMUNITION WHICH IT PROPOSES TO PURCHASE FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM, BY SALE, LEASE, RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, LOAN, CONVEYANCE, OR ANY OTHER MEANS TO ANOTHER GOVERNMENT WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING THE WRITTEN APPROVAL OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT. (FORMAL CLOSE).  
END QUOTE

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3. SINCE USG CANNOT APPROVE TRANSFER UNTIL CONGRESS IS NOTIFIED AND TRANSFER ASSURANCES OBTAINED, PLEASE INFORM DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPHICALLY WHEN ABOVE ASSURANCES RECEIVED AND POUCH COPY (ATTN: PM/SAS). SISCO

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